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A DWARF FORM OF EUPTOIETA CLAUDIA (NYMPHALIDAE)

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During a collecting vacation in August, 1970, this writer chanced to capture several specimens of Euptoieta claudia (Cramer). After spreading the catch, the interesting gradation shown in the accompanying photograph was noted. The photograph shows a wingspan range from 1½" to 2." Brown (1965) has indicated that a series of miniature E. hegesia can be found in the American Museum, and that the dwarf form of this species was taken in the Santa Rita Mountains of southeastern Arizona. The specimens of E. claudia figured here were captured in the Dakotas, between August 18 and 21. The largest specimen at the top was "captured" on the radiator of the automobile somewhere in western North Dakota, while the remaining specimens were taken at the Outlaw Ranch, near Custer, Custer County, South Dakota.

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